FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1963

On November 27, 1963, ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, SR., 814 Chickamauga Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised interviewing Agents that he and his wife, MILDRED LANE LONGWORTH, same address, have been the co-owners and managers of Peanut Shoppes (two) from August, 1961 to present. He advised that they are located at 617 Market Street and 4901 Brainerd Road, both Chattanooga, Tennessee. He advised that prior to the purchase of Peanut Shoppes that he worked from 1938 to August, 1961, with Planter's Peanut Company, the majority of this time at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He advised the personnel employed at both of these businesses consists primarily of he, his wife, and his two grown sons, ERNEST HARRY LONGWORTH, JR., and MICHAEL K. LONGWORTH. He advised they have two other regular employees, one Mrs. WILLIE WILSON, a salesman, and one BETTY BASS who has worked part-time for them both as Planter's Peanut Company and later as Peanut Shoppes.

Mr. LONGWORTH stated he had no information concerning the assassination or planned assassination of President KENNEDY, November 22, 1963. He had never heard plans for assassination being discussed and was not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. He advised that his wife has not been out of Hamilton County, Tennessee, since approximately February of 1963. At that time she visited Nashville, Tennessee, a small loan office, the U. S. Government, and in January, 1963 she visited an uncle of hers, Washington, D. C. With the exception of the above travels she has not been out of Hamilton County for a period in excess of one year. He stated that to his knowledge, she has never made any statement that she had recently been to Washington, D.C., that she had attended a meeting which persons had been assigned to kill President KENNEDY and Attorney General KENNEDY and that to his knowledge she had no information concerning such plans or meeting.

He did state that a sign salesman, JOHN R. ROWE, Birmingham, Alabama, had sold he and his wife a flashing light sign in July, 1963, and reportedly had made statements to his wife that it would be possible for President

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by Special Agents GEORGE C. WELBORN and JACK D. HUGUELET Date dictated 11/29/63

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KENNEDY, Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY and Chief Justice WARREN to be assassinated. He reportedly said that feeling was so high in the south over the civil rights program that it would be entirely possible for this to happen. He stated he has heard his wife repeat these remarks that she had heard from JOHN R. ROWE. With the exception of the above he stated he could furnish no information regarding this matter.

Mr. LONGWORTH stated he was married to MILDRED LANE January 1, 1935, Nashville, Tennessee. He advised that he was born November 26, 1911 at Nashville, Tennessee.